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CAMOUFLAGED VESSELS
SONG VAN UC (RIVER), NORTH VIETNAM
2050N 10629E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THREE CAMOUFLAGED
VESSELS MOORED ALONG A RIVER BANK IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE VESSELS ARE LOCATED ALONG THE WEST BANK OF
THE SONG VAN UC (RIVER), APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN NM WEST-
SOUTHWEST OF HAI PHONG SHIPYARD NO 4 DANCETTE

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3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS A LARGE 25X1
CAMOUFLAGED BUCKET DREDGE (NOT IN OPERATION) MOORED ALONG
THE WEST BANK OF THE SONG VAN UC. ALSO MOORED ALONG
THE WEST BANK, IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF THE DREDGE, IS
A SMALL CAMOUFLAGED CARGO FREIGHTER. A SMALL RIVER
CRAFT UNDER NETTING IS OBSERVED JUST TO THE SOUTH. ON
THE SHORE, BETWEEN A NEW MOTORABLE ROAD AND THE CAMOUFLAGED
VESSELS, ARE THREE CONCRETE BUNKERS, WHICH COULD BE USED

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EITHER FOR SHELTER OR FOR STORAGE.

4. REMARKS:

DUE TO THE LOW FLAT ALLUVIAL PLAINS IN THE RED RIVER DELTA AND THE SLUGGISH MEANDERING STREAMS THROUGH-OUT, SILTING IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THIS AREA, AND THE RIVERS REQUIRE FREQUENT DREDGING. THE TYPE OF DREDGE (CHINESE-BUILT) DEPICTED ON THIS GRAPHIC HAS BEEN SEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN NORTH VIETNAM. IN MAY 1966 ONE WAS OBSERVED DREDGING A HARBOUR IN THE HA TOU AREA EAST OF HON GAI; IN JUNE 1966 A CAMOUFLAGED BUCKET DREDGE WAS SEEN NEAR AN LAO; AND IN AUGUST 1966 A DREDGE OF THIS TYPE APPEARED AT HAI PHONG SHIPYARD NO 4 DANCETTE.

THE CAMOUFLAGED CARGO FREIGHTER IS PROBABLY NOT USUALLY STATIONED IN THIS AREA, SINCE THE CAMOUFLAGE DOES NOT APPEAR TO MATCH THE SURROUNDINGS.

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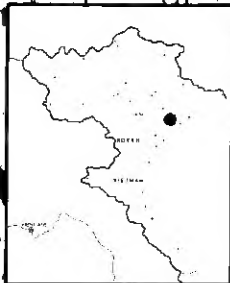
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SONG VAN UC

CAMOUFLAGED
CARGO FREIGHTER

CONCRETE BUNKER

RIVER CRAFT
UNDER NETTING

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